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## SOCIETY NOTES.

The young friends of Miss Mary Robbins surprised her last evening by calling upon her in a body and presenting her with a very pretty little silver watch in token of their appreciation of the commendable manner in which she has filled the office of president of the Young Gleaners' Club during the past year. The presentation was made by Master Jules Miller, after which a pleasant program of music and recitations was contributed by the members present. At a late hour papers were unpacked and fees and bon-bons were served on the lawn. Among those present were the Misses Robinson, Mabel Price, Flora Addison, Minnie Walker, Jessie Howard, and Masters Willie Price, Walter McQuay, Donald Watkins, George Addison and Frank Wolfe.

Mrs. J. L. Dowden and daughter, of D Street, are at the Plaza, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorian and their little son, Easton, will sail Saturday for Paris, where they will take up their permanent abode. They were at home to their friends last night at the residence of Mrs. Dorian's mother, Mrs. J. R. Clayton, at No. 615 T street, where they received a number of friends who called to bid them good by and good fortune.

Dr. H. C. Thompson and family are spending August at Ashbur Park.

Mrs. Howard Wilbur Ennis is spending some time at Long Branch.

Mrs. R. R. Hitt and her son, Mr. W. R. Hitt, sailed yesterday for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Dunn left yesterday for a two weeks' visit to Virginia Beach.

The New York Avenue Church was filled last night with friends of Miss Grace Maria Baird and Mr. William Wyndham Cohen to witness the wedding of the bride and groom, which was performed by Rev. John Chester, D. D. The bride, Miss Grace Maria Baird, a sister of the bride, and Miss Aggie Robinson, the groom's half-sister, were succeeded by the bridesmaids, J. S. Johnson, Oscar Walker, Ernest Yeoman, and Hugh Smith. The bridegroom, Mr. William Wyndham Cohen, and Miss Mary E. Johnson, the maid of honor, Miss May Goodwin, immediately preceded the bride, who was escorted by her father, Mr. James Baird, who gave her away. The bride and groom were met at the church by the groom's mother, Mr. John Wooten, when the ceremony was performed, in a tower formed of palms. The bride was given in white liberty dress and carried white carnations, while the bridesmaids were dressed in pink ribbons, and their bouquets were La France roses, tied with white ribbon. The flower bearers were dressed in white, and carried white carnations. The ring bearer was dressed in white, and carried a white ring. The ushers were dressed in white, and carried white carnations. The wedding was a most successful one, and the bride and groom were most happily married.

Mr. John T. Bailey, of New Orleans, who has been spending a few days in the city, visiting his numerous friends, left last night for New York and Atlantic City.

## ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Orders have been issued by the Navy Department as follows:

Ensign J. K. Y. Blakey, ordered to the Lancaster Academy, Wheeling, W. Va.; Lieut. W. S. Shaw is relieved from duty as naval attaché at Madrid, Spain.

The War Department has issued orders as follows:

A board of officers is appointed to meet at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on Wednesday, September 1, 1897, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the competitive examination for promotion of such enlisted men as may be desired to appear before it.

Detail for the board: Capt. William Baird, Sixth Cavalry; Capt. James A. Irons, Twentieth Infantry; First Lieut. James A. Cole, Sixth Cavalry; First Lieut. John H. Stone, assistant surgeon; First Lieut. Earl H. Dwyer, assistant surgeon; First Lieut. Frederick V. Krug, Twentieth Infantry, recorder.

Upon the final adjournment of the board Lieut. Stone, assistant surgeon, will return to his proper station.

Capt. James B. Albrecht, assistant quartermaster, will proceed to Louisville, Ky., on official business pertaining to the inspection of cavalry and artillery horses, for the Army, and, upon the completion thereof, will return to his station, Chicago, Ill.

The leaves of absence granted First Lieut. Charles D. Parkhurst, Fourth Artillery, Department of the East, is extended one month.

The following transfers are made in the Ninth Infantry:

## OFFICIALS TO TAKE A HAND

Brightwood Postoffice War Assuming a Serious Aspect.

## DEPARTMENT IS ANNOYED

Regard the Action of the Brightwood People as a Combination to Injure the Present Postoffice—Smallest Violation of the Law to Be Promptly Acted Upon.

The Postoffice Department will turn its attention seriously to the adjustment of the Brightwood postoffice tangle just as soon as the postmaster at that place reports that the office is being interfered with. When this report is received the department will send an inspector to the scene of the trouble. If there is found to be the slightest technical violation of the law arrests and prosecution will follow.

The postal authorities are becoming restive under the disturbed conditions at Brightwood, and the policy of the department is to protect its postmaster in the enjoyment of all the fruits and profits of the office. The department treats interference with the business of a postoffice when the interference is the result of personal animosities or local feuds.

If a postmaster is incompetent or dishonest charges should be preferred against him, and these charges will always receive careful and complete investigation by the department. But the department believes that when a postmaster has been duly appointed after due comparison with the claims of divers candidates that the decision of the department should be accepted by all the patrons of that office. These local difficulties have a tendency to hamper the service, and this the department will always guard with care.

The Brightwood trouble has already been a source of much trouble to the department. It has, said a prominent official, been a temper in a teapot, and the department desires the trouble ended.

A high official of the department told a reporter for the Times last night that he thought the whole underlying motive of the fight which Brightwood had made on the new postoffice was that Mr. Osborn, of Brightwood, had been defeated for the position, and that the postoffice which follows a postoffice would be withdrawn from the grocery store at Brightwood to that at Brightwood Park.

One of the inspectors told a reporter for the Times yesterday that it was clear that there was a combination among many of the people of Brightwood to injure the present postoffice and to secure the removal of the postoffice to a place where the postmaster would be a source of much trouble to the department. It was, said a prominent official, been a temper in a teapot, and the department desires the trouble ended.

Harrison J. Barrett, acting assistant attorney general for the Postoffice Department, said yesterday that he presumed the department would do what was within its power to protect its own postmaster. If there was no law under which the present condition could be corrected a law would have to be enacted. The vindictive nature of a postoffice often interfered with the postal service. The spite of individuals should not be allowed to cripple a postoffice. It was not just. If there was anything wrong with the postoffice the department would investigate the case.

Section 3829 of the Revised Statutes of the United States makes it a penal offense for a man to conduct or profess to conduct a place bearing the sign of postoffice.

In the case of Brightwood a man draws out mail from the regular office and places it in letter boxes in his own store for distribution. The law may not mean literally that he keeps the sign "postoffice" displayed, but he conducts a place resembling a postoffice. The maximum fine for a violation of this statute is \$300.

If any man in Brightwood regularly collects the mail and carries it over a post route to the injury of the revenue of the United States, it is a crime. If anybody at Brightwood enters into an agreement with a postmaster to deposit the mail of Brightwood at any other office than the one to which it is due, it is a crime. If anybody at Brightwood enters into an agreement with a postmaster to deposit the mail of Brightwood at any other office than the one to which it is due, it is a crime.

There are other statutes and postal regulations which may be made to apply more or less directly to the Brightwood difficulty, and which the Postoffice Department will invoke when the time comes. There is a postal regulation which applies to free delivery offices, but which may be applied to a fourth-class office where the exigency warrants it. This regulation is that no standing order from a private individual for the delivery of mail to any other person shall be recognized. Neither shall an order renewed day after day for the transfer of mail matter be recognized.

The department is especially watchful that no private carrier of United States mail shall receive compensation, as this is absolutely prohibited under the law. Now comes up the question as to what constitutes compensation.

The keeper of the grocery store at Brightwood who goes down to Brightwood Park with a standing order from all the patrons of his office to deliver their mail to him, and who then takes the mail to his store, distributes it in postoffice boxes and delivers it to people as they call for it, may not receive any direct compensation for this service, but if he profits by it in any way it is held by the department to constitute compensation. If it is shown that this transfer of mail from the regular postoffice to the grocery store at Brightwood helps to sell goods at that store, or increases the trade of the voluntary carrier, it is probable that the department will consider this as compensation.

Another weapon which the department holds is that Mr. Shaw, who is part owner to the Brightwood store, to which the mail is transferred, and who is a party to the plan of transferring the mail in this irregular manner, is a postmaster at Brightwood, Md., a few miles from Brightwood. The department feels that it can exert a certain amount of pressure to bear on Mr. Shaw, and if he should refuse to let the postmaster at Brightwood Park enjoy the profits of that office, Mr. Shaw would be removed as postmaster at Culm, Md.

Jane Moseley to Colonial Beach. The great day of the week for the Jane Moseley is Friday, on which occasion the popular fare being 25 cents the round trip, and which the department would like to see transferred to Colonial Beach. The big steamer boat has several acres of deck room, which affords comfort to all. The Moseley leaves daily at 9 a. m., except on Monday, and Saturday evening at 6:30 a fast transit trip is made. During the present season the Jane Moseley is the only daily steamer to the beach.

Camp meeting at Randle Park, Congress Heights, every evening. Take new electric cars from Navy Yard Bridge. au10-145

Liver Complaints cured by BEECHAM'S PILLS.

## IMMIGRATION FALLING OFF.

Marked Decrease in the Number of Arrivals Last Year.

The tide of immigration is at the lowest point since the general Government assumed jurisdiction of the subject in 1882. The number of arrivals from all countries, according to the Treasury statistics, during the last fiscal year was 230,832, a decrease as compared with the previous year of 112,435. The highest immigration of any previous year was in 1895, when the number from all countries was 279,948. The year of heaviest immigration was the first of the period, beginning with 1882, when the arrivals numbered 788,992, during the entire period of Federal supervision 7,432,916 having entered the United States.

A better condition pertaining to the Russian Jews seems to be shown in a heavy decrease of immigration, the arrivals from that country for the past year having numbered 22,760 as against 45,137 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896. Italy furnished the greatest number, 54,431, a decrease of 8,629 from last year. The cause of the heavy Italian immigration in 1896 was assigned to the war of Italy with Abyssinia, but the figures for the last year are not abnormal, having been exceeded by several years of the period. Since 1882 there has been a large and steady decrease in German immigration. In 1882, 230,430 entered the United States from that country, while in 1896 only 22,233 arrived. It will be seen that the number of German immigrants during the fiscal year of Government supervision exceeded the immigration from all countries during the last year. Immigration from Austria-Hungary decreased from 53,102 in 1896 to 32,421 in 1897. The decrease from other countries is as follows: England, 19,492 in 1896 to 9,674 in 1897; Sweden, 21,137 to 13,144; Norway, 8,155 to 5,842; and Ireland, 40,262 to 28,421.

## NOT A VIOLATION OF LAW.

Decision Regarding the Collection of Wrappers, Tags or Labels.

The Postoffice Department has issued a circular to show that the offer of prizes by various mercantile concerns to those sending the largest number of wrappers or tags or labels is not a violation of the lottery law. Late in July a letter was addressed to the First Assistant Postmaster General asking whether an advertisement that "\$2,400 will be given away each month in cash, bicycles, and watches for the highest number of wrappers" was not in violation of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to amend certain sections of the revised statutes relating to lotteries and for other purposes," approved September 19, 1890.

James N. Tyner, Assistant Attorney General, in rendering an opinion, says: "This scheme is not dependent upon lot or chance, but is dependent upon the efforts, energy and perseverance of the competitors in gathering wrappers or coupons. While it is true that the competitor does not know how many wrappers or coupons others will be able to collect, yet the result of the contest cannot be said to be dependent upon chance, for the number he sends in is a matter within his control, and by extraordinary efforts his number may be the largest. In my opinion dated January 7, 1891, at which time I was the Assistant Attorney General, I held that a scheme offering \$100 to the party sending the greatest number of cards containing the names of merchants and tobacco consumers before December 31, 1891, is in no sense a lottery or other scheme dependent upon lot or chance."

The Attorney General, in an opinion dated October 31, 1890, held that "in a certain sense and in a certain degree, perhaps, any prediction as to human action may be said to be dependent upon chance; that is to say, it is in some measure dependent upon circumstances, the happening of which cannot be anticipated or foretold with any degree of certainty, and the offer of prizes to those who guessed nearest to the number of votes that would be cast for certain candidates at a given election was not dependent upon lot or chance."

## LETTERS BY MESSENGER.

Decision by the Attorney General for the Postoffice Department.

The Postoffice Department has been confronted with the question as to whether there is any law prohibiting the delivery of sealed letters without stamps in a city by special messenger.

Harrison J. Barrett, acting Assistant Attorney General, has rendered a decision "that there is no law to prohibit any person employing a messenger for the conveyance or transmission of his mail matter to any point he may desire, provided he does not solicit the carriage of matter for other parties."

## WANT THE DOGS MUZZLED.

The Commissioners Considering a Request to Adopt an Ordinance.

The Veterinary Association of the District of Columbia has recommended to the Commissioners that an ordinance be passed requiring all dogs to be muzzled during the months of June, July and August, for the prevention of rabies resulting from their bites.

## Kerou's Next Bill.

For one week, commencing next Monday, the Bon Ton Barbers will entertain at Kerou's Lyceum. The organization is considered a representative one. All members are artists in their respective lines and are selected with a view to the requirements of the parts called for by the author, Frank J. Kerou. There are quite a number of the female gender, all elegant ladies in form and feature, who are said to possess captivating powers of no mean order, bordering on the magnetic.

The opening portion of the entertainment is a delicate affair called "A Whirl of Pleasure," and is full of songs, dances, ballets, fun and merry quips. This will be followed by a grand olio, given by a band of unrivaled specialty artists, whose sensational comedy and novelty acts never fail to raise the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. The closing part of the show is termed "Around the Town," and consists of a little of everything that is good and beautiful, and is a reflex of the doings of gay Gotham. The management has been more than lavish in the stage appointments, scenery, electric lights and claim effects. Nothing finer in the spectacular line has been seen in years, and certainly there is no better equipped aggregation on the road than the Bon Ton Barbers.

## Half Rates to Buffalo Account of G. A. R. Encampment.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will sell tickets to Buffalo and return at one fare August 21 to 24, inclusive, for the purpose of attending the annual encampment of the G. A. R. at Buffalo. The tickets will be valid for the building of a home for Confederate soldiers, does not cost a cent, and is a fine opportunity to see the city.

## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Mrs. Bain Issues General Orders on the Buffalo Convention.

All Members of the Department of the Potomac Urged to Attend—The List of Delegates.

Mrs. Georgia G. Bain, the president of the Department of the Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps, has promulgated general orders No. 4, in which she says:

"The fifteenth national convention will meet in the city of Buffalo, N. Y., on Monday, the 23d of August. All members of the Department of the Potomac, Woman's Relief Corps, are cordially invited to attend."

"It is especially desired that every delegate attend the convention, so that our department may have a full representation. For those for whom it might be impossible to attend, the request is made that they notify the department secretary as soon as possible, that vacancies may be filled."

The names of representatives to the national convention are: Department president, Georgia G. Bain; senior vice president, Mary E. Crawford; junior vice president, George D. Van Fleet; secretary, Julia Mason Layton; treasurer, Gladys L. Thompson.

Past department presidents, Joanna W. Turner, Ida V. Hendricks, Indiana Cowling, Anna H. Thompson, and Annie W. Johnson. Delegates, Mary A. Edmonds, at large, Maggie B. Tew, Alternates, Anna V. Thompson, at large; Marion Gregory.

Others who will attend in an official capacity are the national aides, appointed by National President Mrs. Agnes Hitt, Mrs. Mary E. Edmonds, Mrs. M. M. North and Mrs. M. M. North and Mrs. J. W. Bell, are also from the Department of the Potomac.

It is officially announced that headquarters of the Department of the Potomac, W. R. C., will be established at No. 23 Irving Place, Buffalo, N. Y. The Grand Army, Woman's Relief Corps and visiting friends are cordially invited to call.

Those desiring information or tickets should communicate with the chairman of the transportation committee, Mrs. H. S. Chase, at Room 53, Atlantic Building. Mrs. Bain pays a tribute to the committee on patriotic teaching, and especially to the chairman, Mrs. M. M. North, for the delightful program rendered on Flag Day in Hamilton Church, when the Marine Band was in attendance and able speakers and singers were present.

Announcement is made of the sudden death on July 11, at her home in St. Paul, of Mrs. Marie Hasenwiler, national senior vice president of the W. R. C., and the secretary of the department is extended to the bereaved family.

At the annual meeting of the W. R. C. house board the following trustees were elected: Ida V. Hendricks, Vina Calhoun, Anna V. Thompson, Florence L. Howells, Sarah A. Van Doren, Lulu Chase and Caroline N. Lacy.

The trustees elected the following officers: President, Ida V. Hendricks; vice president, Lulu Chase; chaplain, Vina Calhoun; treasurer, Caroline N. Lacy, and secretary, Julia M. Layton.

The rates to Buffalo will be announced later.

## CHECKING CROOKED PRACTICES.

Postoffice Department Order Regarding Registered Mail.

The Postoffice Department has issued an official notification to postmasters that section 1113 of the postal laws plainly forbids the delivery of registered mail to anyone but the person to whom it is addressed, without a written order from the addressee, which must be verified and filed in the office as a voucher.

This notice has been called forth by the fact that certain concerns, in an effort to extend their business, have been sending registered parcels, containing their goods, to the smaller postoffices throughout the country. These parcels are invariably addressed to a fictitious person or to one who does not live at the postoffice addressed.

The senders then write to the postmaster, informing him that a mistake has been made in the address, and request that the contents of the parcel with a view to their purchase or sale, at a greatly reduced price, rather than return them.

The department after calling attention to the section of the postal laws, says: "Therefore, until a registered parcel has been delivered in this manner, and properly receipted for, neither the postmaster nor any one else has the right to inspect the contents, with the object of purchasing them."

In every such case, unless the parcel can be delivered and receipted for, it should be returned to the office given in the sender's address, indorsed with the reason for its non-delivery, and with the amount of postage due for returning, if any, as directed by law."

## MR. FOSTER GOES HOME.

His Report on the Seal Controversy Filed With Secretary Sherman.

John W. Foster, special ambassador to Great Britain and Russia, to negotiate a settlement of the Bering Sea question, was at the State Department yesterday. In the afternoon he left the city to go to his summer home, on Lake Erie. He was accompanied by Chang Yen Hoo, the special ambassador from China to the Queen's Jubilee.

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## A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhoea.

"In 1862, when I served my country as a private in Company A, One-hundred and sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhoea. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since. I have tried a dozen different medicines, and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. Not long ago, a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 60-cent bottle; and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be thankful enough to you for this great remedy, and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt, write me. Yours gratefully, Henry Steinberger, Altoona, Pa." Retold by Henry Evans, Wholesale and Retail Druggist, 938 F street, corner of avenue and 8 streets northwest, and 1428 Maryland avenue northeast.

Pro Bono Publico. Anyone representing the "Courier Journal," Kentucky, and stating that the proceeds from sales of the "Confederate Soldier in the Civil War" will be used for the building of a home for Confederate soldiers, does not cost a cent, and is a fine opportunity to see the city.

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